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SUBJECT: US CLAIMS AGAINST EGYPT (FOURTEENTH MEETING OF JOINT
COMMITTEE)

1. FOURTEENTH MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE WAS HELD AT UNDERSEC
DEWIDAR'S OFFICE ON JULY 31.

2. HADDAD CASE A (20). EGYPTIAN SIDE CONFIRMED FACTS AS PRESENTED
BY US SIDE AND ACCEPTED CASE FOR INCLUSION IN LUMP-SUM SETTLEMENT
AGREEMENT.

3. AMERICAN MISSION CASE (A1) EGYPTIAN SIDE STATED THAT REPORT BY
SPECIAL MESSENGER TO ASSIUT WOULD NOT BE READY UNTIL MIDDLE NEXT
WEEK (AUGUST 6/7) ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO OBTAIN AND DISCUSS
RESULTS OF INQUIRIES MADE IN ASSIUT. MEANWHILE, EGYPTIAN SIDE
STATED THAT AGRARIAN REFORM AUTHORITY HAD BY LETTER NO 159 OF JUNE
28, 1975, INFORMED AMERICAN MISSION THAT THE ASSIUT PLAYGROUND OF
ABOUT 16,000 SQUARE METERS WAS BEING VACATED BY THE MINISTRY OF
EDUCATION AND ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE MADE FOR ITS RETURN. THIS WOULD
ELIMINATE AND ITEM CLAIMED AT LE 400,000 (\$1,000,000). DEWIDER
ASSURED THAT AMERICA MISSION CASE WOULD BE SETTLED ON A SPECIAL
BASIS WITH QUOTE GENEROUS UNQUOTE COMPENSATION BUT WITHIN
THE LUMP-SUM SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT. FURTHER DETAILS WOULD BE
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PROVIDED WHEN HUANG OBTAINS RESULTS OF ASSIUT TRIP ON AUGUST 6/7.

4. DEWIDAR SUMMARIZED EGYPTIAN VIEW OF DISCUSSIONS OF JOINT COMMITTEE TO DATE. HE STATED THAT: (A) JOINT COMMITTEE HAD ACHIEVED SOME RESULTS, BUT STEPS WILL REMAIN TO BE TAKEN TO IDENTIFY AND DEFINE REMAINING PROBLEMS BEFORE REACHING FINAL AGREEMENT (B) DURING THIS PERIOD AGREEMENT (AD REFERENDUM) HAD BEEN REACHED ON SOME IMPORTANT PRINCIPLES. GOE WULD PAY COMPENSATION TO US NATIONALS FOR THEIR PROPERTIES AND RIGHTS AND INTERESTS THEREIN ON THE BASIS OF A GLOBAL LUMP SUM. THIS IS DUE NOT ONLY TO THE DESIRABILITY OF THE LUMP-SUM SETTLEMENT ITSELF, BUT BECAUSE OF THE EGYPTIANS'S PROBLEM REGARDING MFN IN PAST AGREEMENTS. COMPENSATION WILL BE PAID TO EVERY QUOTE ENTITLED UNQUOTE US NATIONAL ON THE QUOTE GENEROUS UNQUOTE SIDE ON CONDITION THAT THE CLAIM IS REAL AND NOT MERELY ALLEGED, FICTITIOUS OR EXAGGERATED. (C) THE MEETINGS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE WILL RESUME MID-OCTOBER TO CONTINUE WORK AT POINT WHERE PRESENTLY LEFT OFF. DURING THIS PERIOD BOTH SIDES WOULD CHECK AND FORMULATE PROPOSALS FOR LIQUIDATING REMAINING PROBLEMS. (D) US SIDE SHOULD PREPARE DRAFT LUMP-SUM AGREEMENT SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH AGREED AMOUNT TO BE INSERTED LATER AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSION IN MID-OCTOBER. (E) SITE FOR SIGNING LUMP-SUM SETTLEMENT AGREE-MENT SHOULD BE IN WASHINGTON. THE US SIDE NOTED HIS STATEMENT AND SAID THAT IT WOULD BE REPORTED TO WASHINGTON.

5. NEXT (FIFTEENTH) MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE IS SCHEDULED FOR NEXT SAT, AUGUST 2.
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